

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: John A. Krueger

Examiner: Jonathan M. Foreman

Serial No.: 10/037,795

Group Art Unit: 3736

Filed: January 3, 2002

Docket No.: SPEC - 6137 (C270.112.101)

Due Date: July 24, 2006 (with extensions)

Title: BONE MARROW ASPIRATION DEVICE WITH CURVED TIP

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Dear Sir:

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief previously filed on _____.
- iii. ☐ Other _____.
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Response.
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
- iv. ☒ Other: Statement of Michael Steffensmaier regarding Common Ownership of Prior Art Citation and Invention to Disqualify Prior Art under 35 U.S.C. §103(c).

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____.

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3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed).

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 500471.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).
- ii. ☒ Three-Month Extension-of-Time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and 1.17).
- iii. ☐ Other _____.
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2308 enclosed).

4. Future Communication

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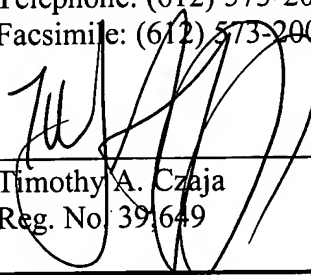
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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope address to: Mail Stop RCE/Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 24th day of July, 2006.

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